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**EGYPT SAID TO FREE
EDITOR HELD AS SPY**

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Egyptian authorities are reported to have released Mustafa Amin, a prominent Cairo newspaper editor jailed in 1965 on charges of espionage for the Central Intelligence Agency and sentenced to life imprisonment a year later.

According to reports from the Middle East not yet confirmed by the Egyptian Government, the 55-year-old former editor of the daily newspaper, Akhbar El Yom, was released last week.

A report of Mr. Amin's release was carried yesterday by the semi-official Egyptian Middle East News Agency, based on a report in the Beirut newspaper Al-Nahar.

In 1965, Mr. Amin's case was given wide publicity in Cairo because of his position as one of the dominant journalistic figures in the Middle East. He was arrested at his Alexandria summer cottage with Bruce O'Dell, a C.I.A. agent formerly posted as a political attaché at the United States Embassy in Cairo.

According to the Middle East News Agency, Egyptian intelligence accused Mr. Amin of having told Mr. O'Dell secrets about mutinies among Egyptian troops in Yemen, Communist cells in the Egyptian Army, alleged Soviet readiness to participate in the Egyptian rocket program, the relationships with President Nasser's inner circle and other matters.

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